UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: PRELIMINARY ORDER OF

FORFEITURE/

MONEY JUDGMENT

DIMITRI TSEPERKAS,

: S4 18 Cr. 813 (LGS)

Defendant.

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WHEREAS, on or about January 9, 2019, DIMITRI TSEPERKAS (the "defendant"), was charged in a one-count Information, S4 18 Cr. 813 (LGS) (the "Information"), with narcotics distribution conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 kilograms and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 (Count One);

WHEREAS, the Information included a forfeiture allegation as to Count One of the Information, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, of any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds that the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information, and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the offense alleged in Count One of the Information, including, but not limited to, a sum of money representing the amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the offense described in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, on or about January 9, 2019, the defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Information, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Information and agreed to forfeit, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, the Government asserts that \$195,332 in United States currency represents any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, the Government seeks a money judgment in the amount of \$195,332 in United States currency, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, of any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count

One of the Information and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Information; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that as a result of acts and/or omissions of the defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. As a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information, to which the defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$195,332 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Information, shall be entered against the defendant.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the defendant, DIMITRI TSEPERKAS, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

- 3. All payments on the outstanding money judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to United States Customs and Border Protection, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the defendant's name and case number.
- 4. United States Customs and Border Protection (or its designee) is authorized to deposit the payment on the Money Judgment in the Treasury Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.
- 5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.
- 6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward three certified copies of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment to Assistant United States Attorney Alexander J. Wilson, Co-Chief of the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, United States Attorney's Office, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007.

Dated: New York, New York March 16, 2020

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE